STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; Cystic Fibrosis, commonly referred to as "CF," is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 kids and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 kids and adults worldwide, including more than 660 in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; a defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

WHEREAS; more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and

WHEREAS; the median age of survival for a person with CF is about 47 years; and

WHEREAS; infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and

WHEREAS; early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity, while the treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

## CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

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